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Title: Trimmer Attachment for Lawn Mowers and Tractors  
Filing Date: April 3, 2001  
Inventor: James D. Mitchell, Jr.  
Examiner: Meredith C. Petravick, Group Art 3671

Sir:

Enclosed please find copies of the Response filed on May 14, 2003 to the Office Action dated November 14, 2002 for the above noted matter. Currently the application is abandoned for failure to respond to Office Action, but as shown in the enclosed documents, a Notice of Appeal, Petition for Extension of Time and Response were all timely filed on May 14, 2003 with a Certificate of Transmittal for each document. Also enclosed are the transmission reports from our fax machine confirming the transmissions were complete.

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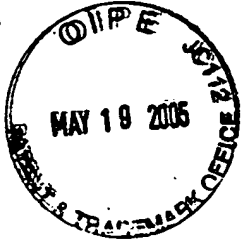
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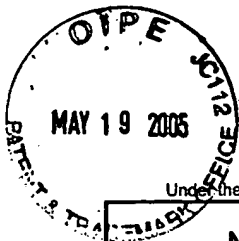
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

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